

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, each year during the month of February, we celebrate Black History Month to broaden our knowledge and deepen our appreciation of the countless contributions and achievements African-Americans have made to our nation; and

*W*HEREAS, while the celebration of our multi-ethnic heritage should be a year-round commitment, the designation of the month of February as Black History Month affords us the opportunity to highlight past and present African-American culture; and

*W*HEREAS, Black History Month has grown to become a well-known and observed celebration of culture and diversity that fosters appreciation of the struggles and achievements of our African-American population through the decades; and

*W*HEREAS, African-Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to the State of Connecticut's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their own history and culture; and

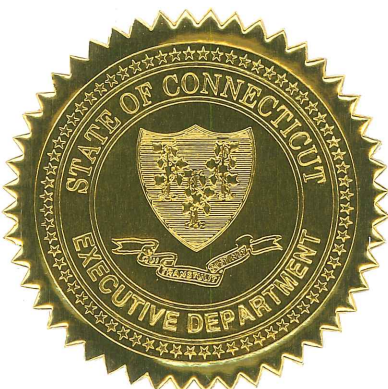
*W*HEREAS, this February marks the 37th anniversary of the Black History Month observance which began in 1976 as part of the Nation's bicentennial, making Black History Week, initiated in 1926 by American historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson, into a month-long celebration; and

*W*HEREAS, it is important that public officials, educators and all of the people of our state observe this month with appropriate programs and activities that recognize and raise awareness of the many accomplishments of Connecticut's African-American citizens; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially designate the month of February 2013 as

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

in the State of Connecticut.



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